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■ **HERITAGE:** Rain doesn't dampen christmas spirits

The proof was in the pudding

ALLAN BENNER
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Volunteers at Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum set a record Sunday.

The Christmas pudding they made for the Grand Old Christmas Festival sold out in 15 minutes — faster than ever before. And that's despite cool rainy weather.

It takes the volunteers about a week to make the holiday treat, and they always sell everything they make — but that usually takes about a half-hour, not 15 minutes.

"It warms my heart to see so many people come here on a rainy day," said museum curator Stephanie Powell Baswick.

Even a few hours after the event began at noon, she said there was still a lineup of people hoping for a seat in Anselmi's Tea Room.

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ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo
Port Colborne museum volunteer Patrick Dodds helps four-year-old Dakota Wright saw a log in half during the Grand Old Christmas Festival, Sunday.



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■ MUSEUM

■ CHRISTMAS: Tugboat tradition in downtown Port Colborne

It was a Grand Old party Santa sails into Port

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Assistant curator Michelle Mason said she had little to complain about during the event — although she would have preferred snow instead of rain.

"There's so much going on," Mason said. "We're really happy about the turnout for such a rainy day."

A few of the events included a craft show, wreath making, candle dipping, carriage rides, photos with Santa and lots of tasty treats, besides the short-lived puddling.

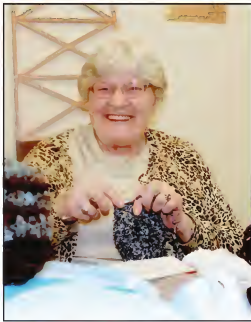
Members of the McKay School choir were also at the event, singing Christmas carols for guests.

Keeping in the historic spirit of the event, town crier Dr. Tom Pekar shared some important — though less than timely — information for women at the event.

"In this year 1812, I was asked by a young woman what was the proper etiquette for visiting with soldiers," he shouted.

He advised not to without a chaperone, because "though your conduct may be blameless it will be viewed with righteous indignation on behalf of those who have never had a chance to misbehave."

"And secondly, be sure your clothing is the epitome of



ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

Mareanne Miedzianko spends her time knitting at a craftshow held as part of the Grand Old Christmas event at the Port Colborne museum, Sunday.

modesty."

Incidentally, Pekar works as a St. Catharines dentist when he's not dressed in his colourful uniform and shouting at the top of his lungs.

"You are in the most exquisite area of all of Upper Canada today in Port Colborne," he yelled.

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ALLAN BENNER InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Despite his warm red parka and North Pole acclimatization, Santa was a little cold as he sailed into Port Colborne aboard the *JW Cooper* tugboat Saturday morning.

"It was very brisk," the man in red said while settling into a comfortable warm chair in the Guild Hall, preparing to meet with hundreds of youngsters eager to share their Christmas wishes with him.

"It was very nice. I haven't been out there since last year," he said.

Although it was chilly standing on the bow of that boat, Santa received a very warm welcome from the hundreds of people who lined the canal bank to welcome him.

A crowd of children led by members of The Music Depot choir sang Christmas carols as they escorted Santa from the canal bank, along Charlotte St., to the Guild Hall, where they enjoyed hot chocolate and treats.

The city's special events co-ordinator Allaina Kane was impressed with how smoothly the event ran.

"The weather co-operated, the shipping traffic was good and Santa was on time," she



ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

Santa waves to the crowds along the canal bank, as he sails into Port Colborne, Saturday.

said.

And although it might have been cold out on the water, it was a lot warmer during the event than it was a year earlier.

His arrival was also delayed last year due to traffic on the canal.

This year, Kane said, everything worked out as planned.

"It's great for the kids"

And Santa enjoys it too.

"It's great. It's always fun, getting off the sleigh and onto a boat," he said. "Santa always follows what goes on in the Great Lakes. The water level seems to be down quite a bit."

And it didn't take this Santa long to get his sea legs back.

"I've been on the lakes from one end to the other," said

Rob Misener. "My brother's a fourth-generation skipper. I know a little bit about it."

The Downtown Business Improvement Area has been running the annual event to officially kick off the Christmas season for nearly two decades.

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SANTA VISITS

■ Santa has been leaving his sleigh behind and sailing into Port Colborne since the mid-1990s.

■ The event was originally organized by West St. merchants to kick off the holiday season.



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■ **SANTA CLAUS PARADE:** Thousands line Port Colborne streets to usher in Christmas season

Lights, cameras, action

ALLAN BENNER
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Thousands of people lined the streets of downtown Port Colborne to usher in the Christmas season and welcome Santa Claus to town Saturday evening.

The city's special events coordinator, Allaina Kane, said emergency workers at the start of the parade estimated that more than 2,500 people gathered to watch an assortment of more than 60 entries pass by.

"The crowds were wonderful and again it's another

testament to the community pride that the city of Port Colborne shows to community events that go on," Kane said.

"This is the first year that I noticed there were quite a few people on West St., which we don't always get."

She said there was also a big gathering of people near Port Colborne High School, where the parade began.

"They were trying to get the best seats in the house, I guess."

Kane said the 61 entries in this year's Santa Claus Parade is the largest number she's seen in the decade she's been

with the city.

They included some new entries from neighbouring communities, as well as a few returning favourites including the West Seneca West Marching Band.

"They've been coming for about five years now. It really is an event for them and we appreciate it so much," she said. "They do, as a big marching band, provide so much ambience and atmosphere to the parade. It's always nice to see them return."

The crowds seemed larger than usual, probably because of the warmer temperature Saturday evening, Kane said.

She said she was walking along the parade route near the start, dodging candy thrown from city council's float, while her ears were ringing from fire truck sirens.

She said fire department vehicles always start the parades so they can leave if there's an emergency, but they're also "big and loud and noisy and all the kids love them."

"I'm relatively tone deaf now, but the kids love them," she said Sunday morning.

She said the fire department's newest pumper "with all of its bells and whistles" was the loudest of the fire trucks in the parade.

The city has been running its Christmas parade in the evenings for the past 12 years, and Kane said that's not likely to change in years to come.

"People love the fact that they can add lights to their floats, and even some of our walking groups add lights to their participants. You know, the Therapy Tail dogs are all lit up," she said. "There's a novelty to it and it's really neat and it's fun to see. People really enjoy taking part in it."



ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

Port Colborne Marine Auxiliary's rescue boat was decked out for Christmas.



ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

About 2,500 people lined the streets of downtown Port Colborne to watch the Santa Claus parade.



ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

Port Colborne firefighters led the parade with their sirens blaring, Saturday.

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■ ourview

Leave holiday driving to someone sober

It was encouraging that Niagara police made 11 arrests for impaired driving during last weekend's holiday RIDE blitz.

Getting drivers who have had too much to drink off the road is a good thing.

However, it would be even better if the campaign had netted no arrests and that police had given every driver the all-clear.

Sadly, some people continue to not heed the message about the dangers of getting behind the wheel after drinking.

The statistics are alarming and tragic, according to mothers against drunk driving, impaired driving claims the lives of between 1,250 and 1,500 people and leaves more than 65,000 hurt in Canada on average each year.

And it's all completely senseless, all because of someone who, after consuming alcohol, made the poor decision to operate a motorized vehicle, cars, boats, snow machines -- all potentially lethal weapons when put in the hands of an impaired driver.

We fail to understand the logic of such a boneheaded decision.

Is the money saved by not taking a cab worth putting people's lives at risk?

Less importantly, it is worth the thousands of dollars you could pay in legal fees and fines, or losing your licence for an extended period or, worse, ending up behind bars?

Drivers who are caught with a blood alcohol concentration (Bac) of 0.05 to 0.08 face roadside suspensions for three days and must pay a \$150 administrative fine.

If drivers blow over 0.08 Bac they face a 90-day licence suspension, a \$150 administrative fine and must use an ignition interlock system for one year, and must pay a \$1,000 fine. Police will also impound their vehicles for seven days at the owner's expense and if convicted they face a one-year licence suspension and must take an alcohol education and treatment course.

Second and third offences get tougher penalties and include jail time.

For most of us, the answer to all of the above is a simple: Of course not.

But, unfortunately, there are those who clearly have impaired judgment.

And we hope police are vigilant in their pursuit of these individuals and that the justice system imposes the toughest penalties possible that will also act as a deterrent for others.

At the risk of stating the obvious, go ahead if you want to. A few black, but for everyone's sake, leave the driving to someone else.

■ COLUMN: I've been thinking

The raising of Lazarus

INTERIM PASTOR GARY TOMLUCK
Wheatfield Christian Congregation

I believe that the raising of Lazarus which many Christians consider the Lord's greatest public miracle has much to teach all of us today. 1. It shows the Lord's LOVE 2. It demonstrates the Lord's power and 3. It showcases God's glory.

1. LOVE When Lazarus the Lord's friend was sick Mary and Martha his sisters sent word to Jesus "Lord the one you love is sick" John 11:3. Then later in vs. 36 the Jews said "see how He loved him."

Then why did the Lord not hurry and come at once? Why did He prolong the suffering of Lazarus's grieving sisters?

What appeared on the surface to be callous disregard for them showed greater love, greater power and greater glory for Father and Son (vs. 4). At this point Mary and Martha did not see things quite the same way. They both accusingly said the exact same words "Lord if you had been here my brother would not have died" (vs. 21 and 32). Short-hand -LORD DON'T YOU CARE? This is especially brought out when a loved one is taken by the Lord. Lord don't you care that I have lost my husband, my wife, my father, my mother, my son, my daughter or my friend? Jesus cares for you He even called Lazarus "my friend" (vs. 11). Jesus has compassion. He suffers with those who are in pain and suffering. Jesus even wept (vs. 35) which is the shortest verse in the New Testament, it is a window into the very heart of God. Why did Jesus weep

if He knew that He would raise Lazarus? Because sin caused so much sorrow, grief and death to those He loved.

Some people would grant that Jesus is all loving but He is not all powerful. He is weeping. He is loving but He cannot help his friend. He had raised the dead before on several occasions but Lazarus being in the grave for 4 days was just too much even for Him so they thought, "We must always join together the Lord's love and His power which were both unlimited. Jesus said "destroy this TEMPLE this body" and in 3 days I will raise it again."

He would now prove #2. POWER and remove any doubt that He was, is and always will be what He claimed to be. I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE" (vs. 25)

For some of them said could not He who opened the eyes of the blind have kept this man from dying? (vs. 36). Then after the stone is taken away from Lazarus's tomb the Lord prayed "Father I thank you that you have heard me. And I know that you always hear me" (vs. 41 and 42). Doesn't that encourage you-the one who lives to make intercession for believers-the ONE who always prays against Lazarus to God's perfect will prays constantly on your behalf. If you could look into the keyhole of eternity you would see Jesus praying for you.

Prayer was the power in Jesus life, and as He looked up into heaven He shouted in a loud voice "Lazarus Come Forth!" This is the same voice that spoke the whole world, the universes, everything into existence. Then Lazarus's spirit returned to his body, his heart

started beating again, his blood began to circulate and he is alive again. Nothing is too hard for God. Nothing is impossible in fact everything is easy for Him.

Imagine being there 2,000 years ago. Hearing Jesus shout "Lazarus come forth", and seeing the crowds amazement as Lazarus shuffles his feet and mummy like body walk out of the grave. How does that apply to us today. We could no more come forth out of our sins on our own than Lazarus could come out of the grave, for we were all dead in our sins as Ephesians tells us. And as amazing as this miracle was unfortunately Lazarus had to die again. Believers in Christ will rise first as their bodies will be changed in a twinkling of an eye to be reunited with their spirits.

#3 GLORY This tremendous miracle also highlights both the Glory of God the Son and God the Father. It is for God's glory so that God's Son would be glorified through it. Then again Jesus said "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the Glory of God?" (vs. 40). He will be glorified in everything. He will be glorified and you will be saved if you repent and confess your sins to Him and trust Jesus as your substitute who took God's wrath and will forgive all of your sins. Then one day the

Lord will call you forth like Lazarus. Lazarus come forth. You will be able to replace your name with Lazarus's name and then walk daily in that new resurrected life that He has called you into.

For our Lord Jesus truly is THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.

■ HUMOUR: William Thomas

Three steps to low maintenance. Look helpless, act reckless, get out of the way!

I greatly admire men who are good with their hands -- the purveyors of sump pumps, the repairers of appliances, the restorers of fine furniture, the fixers, the mixers, life's household heroes.

They are homestead heroes, these weekend warriors, these Home depot deputies, these men who put the tread in Canadian Tire.

Unfortunately, I'm not one of those guys.

Truth be told, I can get hurt just jeering through the yellow pages trying to find one of those guys.

I'm not entirely useless, but if I had to find first and then put to match to a burned-out pilot light in order to heat my house in the dead of winter, the title of that particular Tool Time episode would be: "Kaboom!"



WILLIAM THOMAS
HUMOUR

Lakeside living is fraught with the perils of frozen pipes and flooded basements, breakwall damage and varmints under the cottage.

When I bought my first house here on Sunset Bay, the local handyman tool basket and I hired him whenever I had a home repair crisis at 10 bucks an hour.

"I'll help," I said. "You know, carry stuff, hand you tools. It's sure you time." (and I'm thinking, me money).

So I helped him. Once. The second

time he came to do a job, he had a new fee schedule! "Ten bucks an hour, 15 if you help me."

I don't know why he was so upset, I even paid him for the time it took him to fish his tool box out of the septic tank.

He used a stainless steel snail anchored to a zig fishing lure with a bungee cord at the top hooked onto a spawner.

Man, I could watch those guys work all day. So I did my own home repairs for awhile which is to say the place was going to hell in a hand basket with the dental floss held together with hand floss and elmer's Glue.

Then one day, my neighbour John Grant showed up as I was about to start a small project.

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■ WILLIAM THOMAS

A not-so-handly man's guide

FROM PAGE 4

I was standing barefoot on the back lawn next to a pile of four by fours with a pencil behind my ear and a chain saw roaring in the night hand.

"What the hell are you doing?" he shouted.

"Cuttin' these boards to size," I yelled back. "drill some holes; place the boards against the bottom of the house. Air vents. Keep skunks out!"

"Stand over there," he screamed, turning off the chain saw and taking it to his van.

He returned with his toolbox, used a handsaw to cut the boards and attached a spade bit to his electric drill making holes two inches in diameter.

He cut round patches of screen for the holes and let me pass him the tacks to attach them.

We're a pretty good team, John and I. Seriously, the entire job took 40 minutes as opposed to the two days I'd set aside to do it on my own. So that worked well for 13 years. I'd invite John down for a beer and when he arrived I'd be standing there, looking confused, with some menacing tool in my hand and at a pile of hardware supplies which still



had price tags on them.

"What the hell are you doing?"

"This thing keeps cutting out. must be an electrical short. I'm just going to go open it up and see if there's a loose wire."

To which John would say: "Stand over there. No, way over there."

Then he turned off the electricity (I tell you, these guys think of everything), hooked up his circuit tester, found the problem, solved the problem, had a beer and went home.

Two days later, after living in the dark and eating cold food, I phoned John and he came over and turned my electricity back on.

(He's good, he's just not perfect.)

Then John wound away but he comes back to windsurf off my beach and he always makes the

same mistake: he calls before he comes.

That gives me one half-hour to lay out my latest household maintenance project in a heap on the patio and stand there looking menacing with a sharp instrument or a power tool in my hand just as John pulls into the driveway.

"What the hell are you doing?"

"I'm going to stand over there," I say, saving both of us a bit of time.

Vacuum cleaner belts got replaced, a dog ramp into the bed got built, beach stairs were measured and designed, the TV and stereo fitted with "no-surge" adapters.

Gradually preferring windsurfing to working on my house, John seemed harder to convince so the props got more menacing, one time I'd be holding a crowbar and the next time a hatchet. The machete tied to my belt worked like a charm.

As the winds on Sunset bay picked up this summer John focused on the water and I became desperate.

I resorted to self-mutilation. Nothing terribly serious, a cut here, a bruise there, and it worked for a while. I was faced with a dehumidifier that suddenly quit and a 30-foot rotor antenna that needed to come down.

For 30 minutes, I stood in my driveway waiting for John, holding an X-acto knife and staring at my baby toe. I know I have to stop this nonsense soon.

Television keeps showing that eerie X-ray of the American roofer with the four-inch nail lodged in his head.

Somehow he managed to shoot himself in the head with a powerful nail gun.

The black and white skeletal photo shows the nail a hair away from puncturing his brain.

He has no ill effects whatsoever and will soon have the nail removed.

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Proposed Regional Policy Plan Amendment 5-2012

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PROPOSED CHANGE

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HAVE YOUR SAY

Public input on this proposed amendment is welcomed and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Region. If you do not express your views through these avenues, you may be forfeiting your right to appeal Council's decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

PUBLIC MEETING

This public meeting is being held under the provisions of Section 17 of the *Planning Act* at the following time and place:

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Niagara Region Headquarters - Campbell West
 Council Chamber
 2201 St. David's Rd.
 Thorold, ON

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

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MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the proposed Amendment please contact Danielle De Fields, Senior Planner, by phone at 905-685-4225, ext. 3385, or email danielle.defields@niagararegion.ca.

A copy of the proposed Amendment and information and materials related to the Amendment are available for inspection in the Integrated Community Planning Department at the above address Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and at www.niagararegion.ca.

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■ SHOPPING: Kitschy idea started with leg lamps



VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

Port Colborne natives Tyler and Jordie Schwartz.

Retro holiday gifts perfect for movie buffs

VICTORIA GRAY
 InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — A couple's love of cult classic Christmas movies has turned into a steadily growing business.

Jordie and Tyler Schwartz in 2007 started selling out of their Port Colborne garage the leg lamps featured in the 1983 film *A Christmas Story*, when they discovered the lamps were not available in Canada.

"It's hard to believe, but (demand) just keeps getting bigger and bigger every year," Tyler said.

In 2008 the Schwartzes added moose mugs from the 1989 film *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*. They were an instant hit.

The couple who own Retro Festive now lives in Oakville and have a showroom there, but do most of their business online.

They also carry the Charlie Brown Christmas tree — you know the one, too small to hold more than one ornament, but just big enough to melt your heart.

They also have classic Peanuts toys like the Snoopy Sno-cone Maker and tons of other memorabilia.

"If there's a movie you loved, we'll have something," Tyler said.

They also have Christmas kitsch from *Muppet Christmas* and *Christmas Time in the South*.

Going to an ugly sweater party this year and don't have any? Check out their hilarious selection online.

"We try to have something for just about everyone," Jordie said.

They even stock the Elf on a Shelf for those who remember when their parents or grandparents used to tell them he was Santa Claus's agent watching to make sure children were behaved.

They even have Star Wars Christmas ornaments, bobble heads and more for the resident sci-fi lover in the family, and toys from the 1970s movie *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* special.

Check out www.retrofestive.ca or stop by Something Else in Port Colborne. The store carries a limited quantity of Retro Festive's products.

"They just don't make movies like they used to," Jordie said.

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■ **GASH THE 'STACHE:** 33-year-old soup strainer buzzed for cancer society

Whiskers whisked away

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORTR COLBORNE — Randy Eden ended a 33-year relationship on Friday, and he did it all for the Canadian Cancer Society.

The welder at Thurston Machine said goodbye to his well-groomed soup strainer and hello to the buzzers during the company's second annual Gash the 'Stache fundraising event.

Eden only winced a little as the clippers grazed his upper lip, which hasn't been bare for more than three decades.

But it seemed he had no regrets as the hair fell and his co-workers looked on.

"I can't see it anymore," Eden said with a laugh as he looked down and found only a void where his moustache once was.

"It's for a good cause," he said, pleased to be supporting the Canadian Cancer Society.

Workers at Thurston Machine contributed money to the initiative throughout

November and were able to hand over a cheque for \$1,545 to the organization on Friday.

The Gash the 'Stache tradition began last year when foreman Dave Kennedy promised to shave off his longstanding moustache if his co-workers coughed up the cash for the worthy organization. That year, the group raised \$1,500.

Organizer Willy Ford would like to see the annual 'stache shave continue into the future, though workers will have to offer up their flavour saver for the cause.

"There are a lot of old guys with a lot of old moustaches here," Ford said lightheartedly, hoping he'll have another volunteer next year as the buzzers come out.

He credited the workers at Thurston for supporting the initiative and, in turn, the Canadian Cancer Society.

"For a good cause, these guys will always open their pockets."

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Randy Eden braces himself as Willy Ford buzzes his 33-year-old moustache during Thurston Machine's Gash the 'Stache fundraiser on Friday.



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■ **HISTORY:** Plaque was found in rubble pile

War plaque finds home at Port Colborne legion

ALLAN BENNER
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Roy Cote was a teenager when he went to work for Canadian Furnace Plant, but he didn't stay there for very long.

At 17 he fled about his age and joined his older brother George and enlisted to fight in the Second World War.

At the time, the company honoured its workers by creating a plaque with the names of 47 employees who joined the war effort.

Although Roy never returned to that company, instead remaining with the Canadian Forces until he retired 1967, his name was included on that plaque as well. And it had hung on the office wall until the plant closed its doors in 1977.

"Back when they tore the building down, the main office, my uncle happened to be visiting my dad," recalled Gord Cote, Roy's son.

They drove by the old plant where they worked together

decades earlier, to see it one last time. They found the plaque in rubble.

"The building had been taken down, but the site hadn't been cleaned up yet. The gate was open so Dad just wandered in, and he found this in the rubble," Gord said gesturing to the old weathered wooden plaque.

Friday, Gord and his brothers Bill and Bob Cote were at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56 to donate that plaque that his father had kept in his home for decades.

After Roy died in 2008, his children spent a few years wondering where to hang it. The legion hall on Clarence St. seemed like the ideal location, and they worked with longtime legion member Bob Saracino to donate it there.

Legion president Gary Bozzato said he's proud to have it within the collection.

"It's part of Port Colborne's history," he said, adding it will be given a prominent place in the legion's nostalgia room.



ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

Pictured from left, Port Colborne legion president Gary Bozzato; veteran Gino Caperchione; Bob, Gord and Bob Cote; and Bob Saracino look at a plaque that was recovered years ago, commemorating the workers from the long defunct Canadian Furnace plant who fought in the Second World War.

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NOTICE OF DRAFT SITE PLAN AND NOTICE OF FINAL PUBLIC MEETING

To be held by Niagara Region Wind Corporation regarding a Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project

Project Name: Niagara Region Wind Farm

Project Location: The proposed project is located within Haldimand County and Niagara Region (Including the Townships of Wainfleet and West Lincoln and the Town of Lincoln). The electrical interconnection components are located within the Town of Lincoln and the Township of West Lincoln, in Niagara Region, and in Haldimand County in southern Ontario.

Dated at Haldimand County and Niagara Region this 5th of December 2012.

Niagara Region Wind Corporation ("NRWC") is planning to engage in a renewable energy project in respect of which the issuance of a renewable energy approval is required. The distribution of this notice and the project itself are subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act* (Act) Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09, as amended, (Regulation), which covers Renewable Energy Approvals. This notice is being distributed in accordance with Section 15 of the Regulation prior to an application being submitted and assessed for completeness by the Ministry of the Environment. This Notice of Draft Site Plan is in reference to the inclusion of a new substation for the Project. The other substation and all turbine locations, as well as noise receptors, remain the same. The legal effect of the publishing of this Notice is such that pursuant to Section 54(1.2) of the Regulation, NRWC does not have to take into account a noise receptor as defined by the Act that did not exist as of the day before NRWC published the Draft Site Plan for the Project.

The project team will be holding a series of Public Meetings, as required under section 16(1) of the Regulation. The purpose of these meetings will be to present the findings of the Draft Renewable Energy Approval (REA) Reports, and to present proposed revisions to the Draft Site Plan, released in August 2012. We are offering multiple meeting locations and dates for this event. The sessions will be drop-in style, and each session will be identical so that you can attend whichever session is most convenient:

Tuesday, February 5, 2013	Wednesday, February 6, 2013	Thursday, February 7, 2013
Town of Grimsby Peach King Centre Auditorium 160 Livingston Ave. Grimsby	Town of Pelham Old Pelham Town Hall 491 Canboro Road Ridgeville	Township of Wainfleet Freighters' Memorial Community Hall 31907 Park Street Wainfleet
Town of Lincoln Bled Hall 4650 South Service Road Beamsville	Township of West Lincoln Wellandport Community Centre 5042 Canborough Road (RR#83), Wellandport	Haldimand County Lowbanks Community Centre 2633 Northshore Drive Lowbanks

Project Description:

Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the facility, in respect of which the project is to be engaged in, is considered to be a Class 4 Wind Facility. If approved, this facility would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 230 MW consisting of 77 turbines (80 potential locations identified). The project location is shown in the adjacent map.

NRWC has been refining the project location and completing technical and environmental studies in preparation for finalizing the project layout. The proposed revisions to the Draft Site Plan include amending the location of the electrical interconnection components further south to accommodate a new location for a second substation. The results of the noise modeling meet the current provincial standards with mitigation. The proposed revisions are incorporated in the Draft REA Reports (see list below) and will be discussed at the Public Meetings.

Documents for Public Inspection:

The applicant, NRWC, has prepared supporting documents in order to comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulation. Written copies of the draft supporting documents will be available for public inspection starting December 5, 2012 to February 5, 2013 at the locations listed below and on the project website (www.nrwc.ca):

- Draft Project Description Report
- Draft Construction Plan Report
- Draft Design & Operations Report (Includes Property Line Setback Assessment Report and Noise Study Report)
- Draft Decommissioning Plan Report
- Draft Natural Heritage Assessment & Environmental Impact Study Report
- Draft Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan
- Draft Water Assessment and Water Body Report
- Draft Protected Properties Assessment
- Draft Heritage Assessment
- Draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment
- Draft Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment
- Draft Wind Turbine Specifications Report

Document Viewing Locations:

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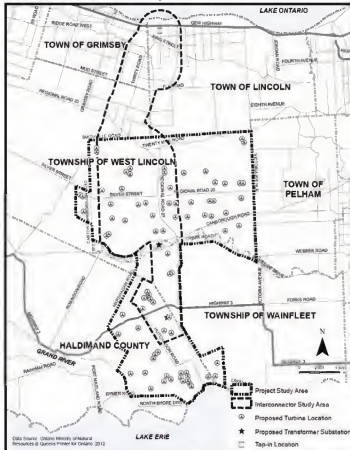
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The "Project Study Area" was established to scope the siting of the proposed wind turbines, collector lines, access roads and temporary work areas. The "Interconnector Study Area" was established to scope the location of the proposed 115kV transmission line, transformer substations and tap-in location. The "Project Location" occurs within these areas. It is identified in the Draft REA reports and will be presented at the public meetings.

■ EDUCATION: Lakeshore students showcase their talents



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Grade 12 Lakeshore Catholic High School student Dustin Kostal added his own creative touch to an old guitar. The piece was on display at the school's second annual Arts Fusion night held Thursday.



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Kasey Cleveland is one of many Lakeshore Catholic High School students who worked to create 1,000 origami cranes to hang in the school's foyer for the second annual Arts Fusion night held Thursday.

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MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — These Gators don't just shine, they glow.

Lakeshore Catholic High School held its second annual Arts Fusion night last Thursday, putting the spotlight on the impressive artistic talents of its students.

With the theme of glow-in-the-dark, the elaborate showcase included more than 200 pieces created in a variety

of mediums by about 130 students.

Guests wandered through the school's Great Hall with flashlights in hand to examine each piece. The lights were dimmed to create ambience and showcase the glow-in-the-dark pieces.

"Some (pieces) take on another dimension in the dark," said visual arts teacher Vanessa Iannantuono, who co-organized the event with colleagues Ewelina Fanfara and Kaie McAllister.

“It’s an opportunity for our students to show what they can do. It’s great for our school.”

Dan DiLorenzo

Along with the eye-catching sights of impressive visual arts, the school was filled with the sounds of musically-inclined students who played both original and contemporary numbers for guests to enjoy.

"We hope to see it grow every year," Iannantuono said of the gallery-style event, which has seen a significant increase in participation both by the school's students and the community-at-large.

She stressed the importance of providing a venue where students can share their work not only with their peers and families, but with the public.

And it appears people liked what they saw.

Some students even had their pieces purchased as eager art enthusiasts moved through the building.

"It's a great celebration of students' talents and artistic abilities," said principal Dan DiLorenzo.

"We've had wonderful parental support tonight and great support from the board," he said, pleased with the turnout.

"It's an opportunity for our students to show what they can do. It's great for our school."

While it helped to raise Lakeshore's artistic profile in Niagara, the event also assisted the community.

Donations of non-perishable food items and unwrapped toys were collected at the door to support families being sponsored this Christmas by the Catholic school.

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■ EDUCATION: School board opts for standardized uniforms

Catholic dress code a go

DON FRASER
QMI Agency Niagara

WELLAND — A standardized dress code for elementary school students sailed through Niagara's Catholic board of trustees recently.

Trustees voted 7-1 to approve a policy essentially calling for navy blue pants and a white or navy blue top. In a pre-vote discussion, trustees generally applauded the move, with some reservations.

"As this policy has grown and widened, I am not at all in opposition to standardization across our schools," trustee Ted O'Leary said.

"Once we have it, we begin to accept it ... it becomes part of our life," trustee Brian Burkhoff said. "I was skeptical at first."

"I've watched it evolve to become something that's not only financially feasible, but also does standardize ... and makes everybody inclusive," she said.

Trustee Father Paul MacNeil voiced strong reservations and called for a recorded vote.

MacNeil saw a standardized dress code as "external" to core issues the board should be concerned with.

"It's not really central to who we are as Catholic educators; I'd be looking for more unanimity across our system."

"I found the feedback was immediate and vocal, that there was opposition," MacNeil said. "Yes, there were people in favour of it as well ... (but) I certainly think for me there's enough opposition to say, 'Let's just put the brakes on it here.'"

The board also approved an amendment nixing a proposal prohibiting elementary students from registering who do not comply with code expectations.

It agreed the issue is already covered in a policy statement that parents are advised of code expectations before registration.

The dress code will be reviewed no later than June 2014.

Two school parents' delegations spoke in advance of the Niagara Catholic District School Board vote in Welland.

Among their concerns was the lack of a vote by parents and guardians, and hardship for families in need having to buy the required clothes.

"Our children's bond to their school community is strong," Sarah VanDerLee said.

"It will be devastating if even one child loses out on a faith-based education because of this policy," Michelle Zapitelli, however, said she hadn't spoken to an affected child who disagrees with the idea.

"The dress code provides children with a level playing ground," she said. "The ability to buy from a variety of retailers makes this very easy for all families."

The school board has also spoken to critics' concerns, citing assistance and clothing swaps for families in need.

Over the review process, it broadened the scope of acceptable attire.

During the meeting, board vice-chair Maurice Charbonneau stressed parental involvement and consultation by letters to affected families was a key part of the process.

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DRESS
CODE
NOTES

■ Starts September 2013.

■ Among other requirements — a prohibition on bandanas, and all visible body piercing excluding a stud in the nose.

■ Hairstyles and colour "must be styled in a way that is not distracting or conspicuous," it says, adding only natural hair colours will be acceptable.

■ Hats and hoods cannot be worn inside schools.

■ No advertisements of any kind will be allowed on dress-code items.

■ Staff will implement a progressive discipline process, as needed, to ensure acceptance of the code. That process, which begins with three reminders, could eventually lead to a suspension.

DRESS CODE HIGHLIGHTS

Standardized dress code recommended policy for Niagara Catholic elementary students

- Essentially calls for navy blue pants and a white or navy blue top.
- It includes a navy blue dress, cargo, kobe or corduroy-style pants with the additional option of skirts or dresses.
- Shorts or capris can be worn. Pant, skirt or dress length must be "appropriate and modest." Denim is permissible.

■ Navy-blue sweatpants are OK for students from the early years to Grade 3.

■ Grade 8 students have the option of wearing grey secondary uniform pants.

■ Navy blue or white oxford or polo shirts or school-designed spirit wear would be permitted.

■ They may wear long or short-sleeved oxford or polo shirts, the school-designed spirit-wear may also include sweaters or hoodies.

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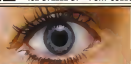


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■ **DRIVING:** Wainfleet's default speed limit is 80 km/h

Rural road speeds a concern

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — If the township lowers speed limits on its gravel roads it would save in grading and maintenance costs, says Wainfleet's director of operations.

"Slower traffic has less impact on the roads," said Greg Wutsman.

The default speed limit in Wainfleet is 80 km/h on all roads, unless posted otherwise, and that there are 500 lane kilometres of roadway.

The issue of speeding and gravel roads came up at Wainfleet's township council meeting. Mayor April Jeffs noted it after a resident told her of buses driving down gravel roads at 80 km/h — the legal speed.

Wutsman said grading is done on a regular basis and road patrols will spot problem areas. The township, he said, also fields calls from residents.

"The more traffic on the road, the more washboard it becomes and the more we have to grade it," he said, adding weather is also a factor.

Other municipalities have dropped speed limits on gravel roads to 60 km/h, Wutsman said, but when the issue of dropping the limit came before Wainfleet council in the past, people were resistant to the change.

"People want to move ... travelling at 60 impedes them."

Jeffs agreed there was push back from residents when it came to the speed limits, despite complaints from people on paved and gravel roads about speeding. She felt a lower limit on gravel roads was more of a safety issue and would cut maintenance costs if the limit wasn't 80 km/h.

Jeffs said anytime residents have had a concern with speeding, Niagara Regional Police have been quick to respond and carry out enforcement in the

area.

Ald. Richard Dykstra said if people are speeding down gravel roads, they're probably going to continue speeding no matter the limit and no matter what the road surface.

Ald. Betty Konc said if the township were to drop the speed limit, then signs would have to be posted across the township which would be a cost to Wainfleet taxpayers.

Wutsman said considerable signage would be needed if that were to happen and signs would have to be spaced at certain distance apart and on both sides of the roads.

Jeffs wondered if the township could just lower the limits on gravel roads alone and just post signs at the township entrances.

Wutsman told council he'd look into the issue and get back to them at the next meeting.

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■ **WELLAND RIVER:** Water level measurements taken in Wainfleet

Superstorm Sandy provides evidence in opposition to floodplain plan: Jeffs

DAVE JOHNSON
Tribune Staff

WAINFLEET — Superstorm Sandy gave Mayor April Jeffs a good view of Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's proposed floodplain lines for the Welland River.

Jeffs said after the storm rolled through and water levels leveled out on the river, two residents called her up to say they were going to do measurements.

"They marked out where the water had come up the banks along the river, the existing floodplain lines and where the proposed floodplain lines are."

Jeffs said they were near Phillips Rd. on Regional Rd. 27 and the water had barely

come up the banks. The proposed floodplain lines, which NPCA bought forward earlier this year, she said were far away.

"It was pretty crazy," she said of the distance proposed floodplain lines were away from existing ones.

Residents in Wainfleet and those along the river elsewhere have expressed concern over the proposed lines, saying they could stifle development and would put existing buildings into a new flood zone.

Jeffs said conservation authority chair Bart Maves also came out to see the river and the proposed floodplain lines for himself.

"It's interesting how people in the community that are affected by this have reacted,"

she said of the two men who took her out to show her measurements and floodplain lines.

"I'm impressed residents went to that much trouble. It shows they are genuinely concerned about this issue."

The mayor said the floodplain issue has been pretty quiet lately and there's no date set for when it will come back before the conservation authority.

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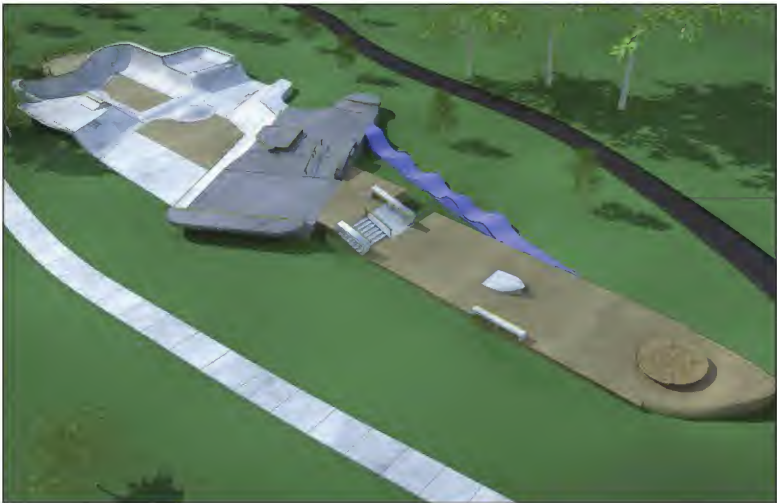
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■ **LOCK 8 SKATEPARK:** No pedestrian link between Main St. and Mellanby Ave. bridges on east side



SUPPLIED ILLUSTRATION

Port Colborne Ward 1 Coun. Dave Elliott wants city staff to look into a path on the east side of the Welland Canal between the two Jackknife bridges so users can get to the skatepark at Lock 8 Park safely. There are no sidewalks or paths on either side of Welland St. in the area.

Councillor pressing for safe passage along canal

MARYANNE FIRTH
Tribune Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Once Port Colborne's new skateboard and BMX park is up and running, Dave Elliott wants to

ensure the city's youth can get there safely.

The Ward 1 councillor raised the issue Monday night over whether a safe path is available for youths to access the new facility.

While there is a pathway down the west side of the Welland Canal by Lock 8 Park, where the skatepark is being built, the east side of the waterway along Welland Ave. is void of a safe path of travel for people on bikes or skateboards, Elliott told fellow councillors.

If the Main St. bridge is raised, he questioned how youths can safely travel to the nearby Mellanby Ave. bridge without issue. There are no sidewalks or paths on either side of the roadway between the two bridges.

Elliott said the problem was brought to his attention by a

concerned resident and asked that the city look at rectifying the situation.

"Bike lanes are the way to go," said Ward 2 Coun. Angie Desmarais, who agreed changes needed to be made to increase safety for pedestrians travelling from bridge to bridge.

"More and more we're seeing the need for bike lanes in Port Colborne."

The issue was referred to staff and will be brought back for deliberation during the city's 2013 budget discussions.

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■ **HOLIDAY FEAST:** Free Dec. 25 meal at Port Colborne High School is about not being alone

Christmas dinner served with company

VICTORIA GRAY
In Port News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Nobody should spend the best part of the holiday season alone.

And everybody loves a good Christmas dinner.

So, there will be something for everyone at Port Colborne's Community Christmas Dinner taking place in Port Colborne High School's cafeteria on Christmas Day at 12:30 p.m.

Jack O'Neill gets excited about the dinner every year. He has organized it for 16 years because he just loves getting people together.

"It's Christmas and it's family time. We figure seniors who are alone need to be together as a family," he says.

O'Neill says some people think the free dinner is just for those down on their luck who need a meal, but it's for everyone.

"I don't care how much money is in the bank. Don't be alone on Christmas," he says.

Last year volunteers served more than 250 people and delivered 38 meals. This year there are plans to make enough food to serve about the same number of people.

The sit-down turkey dinner will be served at 1 p.m.

Volunteers will deliver meals



FILE PHOTO

The Port Colborne Community Christmas Dinner, such as last year's pictured above, is aimed at ensuring no one is alone on Dec. 25.

to people who can't leave their homes. For more information about delivery call O'Neill 905-835-1731.

The community dinner brings people back year after year and it continues to grow.

"It's a really friendly environment," O'Neill says. "Nobody goes away hungry. We're grateful for everyone who makes this happen. People come back year after year and out to donate for everything — it's great."

When O'Neill and Larry Olm served the first dinner only 65 people showed up, but they knew it was appreciated and everyone had fun, so they continued on. They can't imagine quitting anytime soon.

This year's dinner will honour the memory of former volunteer driver William (Billy) May who died last summer.

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■ **EDUCATION:** Emily Wilson's interest in geriatric medicine

Med student earns top scholarship

In Port News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Emily Wilson has finished the prescription for success.

She implemented it during her time at Port Colborne High School and now she's doing the same during her time in medical school at Dalhousie University in Halifax.



Emily Wilson

The former Port Colborne resident, named youth of the year in 2002 by Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce, now has another prestigious honour to add to her resume.

Wilson, 27, recently received the 2012 College of Family Physicians of Canada Medical Student Scholarship, one of only 17 handed out across the country.

The fourth-year medical student has

applied for family medical residency in Ontario, including the Niagara chapter of McMaster University's medical program.

Wilson has completed two clinical electives in Niagara as part of her studies — one with Dr. Amanda Bell in her family practice in Port Colborne in December 2011 and the second with geriatric internist Dr. Richard Safranovsky this past October in St. Catharines.

Wilson has a keen interest in both geriatric medicine and in vulnerable population medicine.

She traces her passion for medicine to her volunteer work as a candy stripper at Port Colborne hospital, which began at the age of 12.

Wilson received her award on Nov. 15 during the CFPC's family medicine forum in Toronto.

One scholarship is given annually to each of Canada's medical schools. They are then given to outstanding medical students with career interests in family medicine.



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Cenotaph on 'Fleeters' minds: Mayor

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Every Remembrance Day, Wainfleet residents must travel to Port Colborne if they want to honour those people who fought and gave their lives in the various wars over the years.

Now an idea that first came

about two years ago has resurfaced — a cenotaph for Wainfleet's veterans and war dead.

April Jeffs spoke about it in her mayor's report at Tuesday night's township council meeting.

She said a few people approached her at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Port Colborne on

Nov. 11 and more people again brought it up during last weekend's Christmas in the Village affair at Marshville Heritage Village.

Jeffs said when the idea first came before council, aldermen were told there is provincial funding available for up to \$50,000.

"It was a good idea, but since we had to come up with

the rest of the money, we didn't proceed with it."

But with seemingly growing interest from residents, there's a better chance, Jeffs said, the



Jeffs

idea could get off the ground this time.

In addition to residents who have already spoken to her about it, the mayor said Wainfleet Historical Society has looked into funding and is forming a committee.

"We could work together with them and get some help from the community as well," Jeffs said when the idea

for the cenotaph came about two years ago, there were a number of locations looked at.

"We originally thought it could go in the grassy area between the fire hall and town hall," she said.

Council did not discuss the issue and no report from staff was asked for Tuesday.

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■ **BLUE CHRISTMAS:** Ecumenical memorial service Dec. 16

MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo
Pastor Brian Lofthouse and Rev. Rob Hurkmans, president of the Port Colborne/Wainfleet Clergy Fellowship, are welcoming the community to the Blue Christmas: Healing for the Grieving service Sunday, Dec. 16 at Port Colborne Brethren in Christ Church.

Healing for the grieving

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — The holidays can be a difficult time when you've lost someone you love.

To help those people in the community get through the Christmas season, Port Colborne Brethren in Christ Church is hosting the area's annual Blue Christmas: Healing for the Grieving service on Sunday, Dec. 16.

The ecumenical memorial service, which begins at 7 p.m. at 10641 Hwy. 3 W., is facilitated by the Port Colborne/Wainfleet Clergy Fellowship and is open to everyone.

Pastor Brian Lofthouse said the service draws a good attendance annually and garners positive feedback from local residents. Blue Christmas became

a yearly staple in the area about 15 years ago and has assisted many people through the holiday season, he said.

The peaceful service will include readings, meditation, special music and the lighting of remembrance candles.

Invitations to the service are sent out by Armstrong and Davidson funeral homes to people who have lost someone in the past year.

Everyone moves through the grieving process at their own pace, said Rev. Rob Hurkmans, president of the Port clergy fellowship. Whether a loved one was lost a year ago or 10 years ago, the service is there to offer an avenue toward healing, he said, encouraging all to attend.

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Interest expressed in Westside Arena

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InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Although Port Colborne city council declared Westside Arena surplus land, there's still potential for new life to be breathed into the community hub.

The arena will remain open and operational until the Vale Health and Wellness Centre under construction is up and running in the new year.

"We have had discussions with individuals interested in purchasing the arena for recreational purposes," said Mayor

Vance Badawey, hinting that one particular group has expressed interest in using the facility for a baseball program.

"There is interest out there in utilizing the facility,"

Badawey stressed the importance of declaring the arena as surplus lands sooner than later to allow for interested parties to be found and the property sold in a timely manner.

The city will enlist the services of Royal LePage to sell the property.

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FILE PHOTO

In this file photo, Thordor Blackhawks forward Matt Abercrombie scores on Port Colborne Pirates goalie Joe Gladnick as he's being pursued by Charlie Izaguirre at Westside Arena. Discussions are underway with city staff and local user groups to determine when the Port Colborne facility will close.

InPort News apologizes for the errors that were made in the message from the Mayor's Office that ran in the InPort News on Thursday November 29th, 2012. This error was completely the fault of the InPort News and not of the Mayor's Office. The following message has the correct information.



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Mayor Vance Badawey

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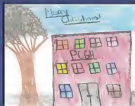
Thank you to all the children who submitted Port Colborne Christmas art for the City's 2012 Christmas card. These five images were chosen. Congratulations to Alex, Desiree, Hailey, Mariah and Megan who were featured on the Mayor's Float in the Christmas Parade on December 1st.



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Grade 8, Dewitt Carter Public School



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Grade 4, St. John Bosco School



TEACHER THREATENED

PORT COLBORNE — A Port Colborne High School

student has been arrested after allegedly threatening a teacher last week. In a media release issued Tuesday, Niagara Regional Police say a student at the high school was disrupting class and distracting other students. When the teacher intervened, police say, the student threatened to kill the teacher. As the result of an investigation by the NRP's school resource officer, a student was arrested

Monday and charged with uttering a death threat. The youth cannot be identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR A SUCCESS

PORT COLBORNE — It was a winning night at Northland Pointe's recent Christmas Tea and Bazaar. The Nov. 12 event was a great success and raised funds to support the

comfort of Northland Pointe's residents. Raffle winners include: Annette Hennigar, a Keurig coffee maker; Debbie Damude, slow cooker; Marjorie Borowski, \$50 money tree; Dawn Reeb, flower arrangement; and Terry Benner, \$45.50 in the half-and-half draw.

DATEBOOK

Welland Eastdale Alumni will host a raffle on Wednesday, Dec. 12 following

Eastdale Secondary School's pasta fundraiser, which begins at 4 p.m. The draw will take place at 7:30 p.m. and include \$1,200 in prizes.

Welland Eastdale Alumni meet the first Wednesday of every month in the school library at 7 p.m. Visit www.eastdalealumni.com for information on upcoming events.

The Robert Wood Singers with the Wood Kids are

hosting Christmas by the Fire on Sunday, Dec. 9 at Centennial Secondary School, 240 Thorold Rd., beginning at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children 12 and under. They are available in Port Colborne at Chiropractic Associates, 258 Kilaly St. W., in Fonthill at The Log Cabin, 155 Hwy. 20 W., and in Welland at Accuri's Cheese World, 131 Crowland Ave., and Games-A-Lot, 800 Niagara St.



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■ CANAL DAYS: Sorting out suds sales

Beer name may get Hip style

MARYANNE FIRTH
Port News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — It may not be a buck and a half for a beer, but the sale of suds at next year's Canal Days Maritime Heritage Festival may still have a Tragically Hip influence.

To alleviate issues at the Port Colborne festival's beer tent, the organizing committee may be looking to the Canadian rockers for help.

For next year's event, the committee will look at potentially changing the setup of its serving area to resemble that used at the Tragically Hip concert held in Niagara-on-the-Lake in June.

The large-scale event used a series of dedicated in and out lanes to get patrons quickly to and from the bar.

It's a plan that Port Colborne Ward 1 Coun. Bill Steele believes may mitigate past

issues with the festival's serving setup. Steele updated city council on the issue, outlining the discussion that took place recently between a festival committee members, as well as representatives from Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services, Niagara Regional Police and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.

Steele previously raised concerns over the long wait for alcohol at Canal Days and lobbied for change to the festival's serving regulations. He

hoped to see the serving limit

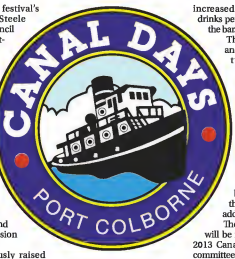
increased to four from two drinks per person per visit to the bar.

The long wait times and lack of line structure has caused conflict in the past between patrons and the volunteers serving drinks, said Steele, who has volunteered as a server.

But with "the right plan," including potentially expanding the size of the bar itself, he feels those issues can be addressed.

The serving area setup will be re-evaluated by the 2013 Canal Days organizing committee in the new year.

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